

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

March 4, 2011

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on March 4, 2011 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Daniel Beardsley; Susan Knorr Rodriguez; and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the February 4, 2011 meeting minutes was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to today, and

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2011.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Constance Calcione

A 65 year old state community living aide with Oaklawn Group Home for 12 years and 8 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

Olga Ortiz

A 48 year old state correctional officer with the Department of Corrections for 9 years and 11 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental disability retirement pending further documentation.

Curtis Pollard

A 63 year old state deputy sheriff with the Rhode Island Department of Sheriffs for 12 years and 3 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Beardsley:

VOTED:

To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental disability retirement pending further documentation.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Juvita Darosa

A 49 year old state billing specialist with the Department of Transportation for 17 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and

upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Raymond Denisewich A 57 year old municipal court coordinator/law enforcement liaison with the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for 22 years and 11 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

William Cummings A 50 year old state business service specialist with the Rhode Island Department of Labor for 16 years and 2 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical report submitted by the physician retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Rhonda L. Varrica A 42 year old state CNA with Zambarano Hospital for 17 years and 5 months. A hearing was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. However, a **continuance was requested by Attorney Jack DeGiovanni, Jr. on 2.28.11.**

Jean Larsen A 59 year old teacher with the North Kingstown School Department for 25 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

April 1, 2011